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4 November 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau --October 1987

I. General

A. Unexpectedly heavy rains hit Amman and other areas of Jordan this month, causing flash floods, a number of deaths, and widespread damage to factories, businesses, and agricultural areas. Rescue and relief work continued for several days in the stricken areas in the eastern half of the kingdom.

B. Reflecting the general economic downturn in the Arabian Peninsula, Jordan is finding that markets for exporting educated workers to the Gulf and elsewhere have tightened considerably. As a result cash remittances are no longer flowing into the country from oil-rich states, Amman is facing heightened unemployment for its educated cadres, and Jordan has begun expelling immigrant workers from Egypt by the planeload in an effort to find jobs for its own citizens. The practice of building new and expensive villas, fueled by the vast remittances from the Gulf, appears to be coming to a halt and rental prices are declining. In short, Jordan is in a recession, although the dinar remains very strong.

C. New U.S. Ambassador Roscoe Suddarth, accompanied by his country team, presented his credentials to King Husayn at the royal palace in ceremonial style on 8 October.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The U.S.-reflagged Kuwaiti oil tanker "Sea Isle City" was attacked by an Iranian Silkworm missile in Kuwaiti territorial waters on 16 October. The tanker's captain and 17 crew members were injured. Immediately responding to this incident, the bureau filed three flash reports on the situation from Baghdad INA Arabic and a comprehensive Gulf media behavior FYI.

2. The end of the economic boom in the Gulf has affected the sale in Jordan of several publications on our coverage list. Consumer demand, except for us, has dropped to nearly zero and, as a result, our local suppliers have suspended their subscriptions. In view of this and unreliable alternative solutions, Jordan and PMU have negotiated a realignment of some Arabic press coverage. Effective 1 October, Jordan relinquished

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coverage of Saudi publications Riyadh AL-RIYADH, Jeddah 'UKAZ, and Jeddah SAUDI GAZETTE to PMU and assumed coverage of Cairo AL-WAFD previously handled by FMU. In addition, nonreceipt of Baghdad daily AL-'IRAQ and weekly ALIF BA' has necessitated NEAD's assumption of AL-'IRAQ backstop coverage until further notice.

3. The IBM pc previously located in Communications was moved to the monitorial area and placed in a shift supervisor's position, the only place Cruiser/Supervisor [] will sit. We now have our own fledgling sneakernet operation. Initial monitorial reaction is highly favorable.

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B. Technical

1. A new Victor VPCII XT was received from Headquarters and installed in Communications.

2. Our old teletype model-32 telex machine has been replaced by an Extel ASR after Electronics Technician [] programmed it for telex operations. The old machine will be disposed of by the embassy GSO.

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3. One Collins receiver, model 651S-1, s/n 2309, was transferred to Key West Bureau in response to a Headquarters request. Two other Collins receivers have been loaned to the embassy GSO for use at the residences of the ambassador and DCM.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor Specialist [] FBN-10, received an appointment as Political Specialist, FSN-11.1, in the embassy's Political Section. He will replace an earlier FBIS graduate, [] who moves on to the directorship of a firm in Qatar.

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2. The bureau has placed an advertisement in local English and Arabic-language papers in an effort to begin recruitment of monitor candidates. Initial response has been good, over 90 applications thus far, some of them turning in excellent tests results

B. Building and Grounds

1. New antistatic carpeting has been installed throughout the bureau.

2. The defective magnetic lock control unit for the main door at the entrance was repaired by the embassy security engineer.

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3. A new weatherproof outdoor CCTV camera was installed at the bureau's outer door, thus finally giving us a chance to view visitors before they are admitted. The old RCA TC1005 camera will be returned to Headquarters.

IV. VISITS

To the Bureau: [] Regional Engineer on TDY from Nicosia Bureau, 5-8 October.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A. At the ceremonial presentation of credentials by the new American ambassador on 8 October, the bureau chief had an opportunity to meet King Husayn. After the ceremony the chief and [] attended a luncheon hosted by the ambassador at the Residency.

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B. [] wife of Senior Editor [] performed a magic show for a Halloween assembly of the elementary division of the American Community School of Amman on 29 October. On the same day she was also elected to the board of the American Embassy Employees Association.

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Bureau Chief
Jordan Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Amman Bureau Production Report for OCTOBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	288020
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	82440
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	889

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7390.00 min.	21060.00 min.	167.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BAHRAIN

Manama WAKH in Arabic	13490
Manama WAKH in English	2580

EGYPT

Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in Arabic	0
Cairo AL-AHALI in Arabic	0
Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic	460
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in Arabic	690
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic	1500
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in Arabic	4590
Cairo AL-WAFD Arabic	1220
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in Arabic	0
Cairo UKTUBAR in Arabic	0

FRANCE

Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic	8710
Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic	1960
Paris AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI in Arabic	15250

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
IRAQ			
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	10980		
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	12490		
Baghdad Voice of the PLO in Arabic	9770		
Baghdad INA in Arabic		19920	
Baghdad INA in English		5980	
Baghdad AL-'IRAQ in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			800
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic			600
Baghdad ALIF BA' in Arabic			0
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	0		
JORDAN			
Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	18900		
Amman Television Service in Arabic	2090		
Amman Television Service in English	4040		
Amman Petra-JNA in Arabic		550	
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic			2940
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic			18700
Amman AL-QUDS in Arabic			2700
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic			4820
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English			2420
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic			5040
Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			8770
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			1200
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			3680
Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic			3550
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			220
Kuwait KUWAIT TIMES in English			3120
LEBANON			
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic	0		
OMAN			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	2230		
Muscat ONA in Arabic		0	
Muscat 'UMAN in Arabic			0
Muscat OMAN DAILY OBSERVER in English			0
QATAR			
Doha QNA in Arabic		6600	
SAUDI ARABIA			
Al-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			0
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic			0
SUDAN			
Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait		0	
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic		12300	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Khartoum SUNA in English		5130	
SYRIA			
Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	23350		
Damascus Television Service in Arabic	5990		
Damascus SANA in Arabic		4310	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	1260		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		1660	
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			150
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			5390
Al-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			9550
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			190
YEMEN (YAR)			
Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic	9010		
Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic	7170		